



## WASHINGTON STATE NURSING CARE QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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**Education Subcommittee – March 30, 2004 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Pacific Lutheran University, School of Nursing, Ramstad Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Rm 208.**

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**Education Subcommittee Members:**  
**Jacqueline Rowe, Penny Woodruff**  
**Marlene Wells**

**Lead: Mariann Williams, Chairperson**  
**Staff: Joan Wilson, Nursing Education Mgr.**

**Attendance: Marlene Wells absent. All other committee members present with 4 guests.**  
**Guests: Maureen Niland Seattle University; Carolyn Nelson Clover Park Technical College;**  
**Shirley Aikin PLU; Victoria Fletcher.**

Call to order: Mariann Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

Review/Approval of Minutes from Education Sub-Committee meeting – January 20, 2004  
**Minutes were approved as written.**

1. Old business:

- A. Continuing Competence: Congratulations on fine workshop and action to move forward with Nursing Commission recommendations. Discussion/Action
  - a. Review action plan.
    - Continued competence needs to be viewed as long-term. Those items identified as most helpful for continued competency were:**
      - 1. Basic Nursing Program**
      - 2. Working within a setting requiring RN skills**
        - continued education was not identified as being helpful for continued competence.**
  - b. next steps
    - Ideas were discussed for what the next steps should be.**
      - 1. The committee believes that information sessions should be conducted with such groups as CNEWS, N-WONE, Long Term Care Association, and Home Health Care Association, regarding the need for continued competence. The nurse must understand each one is**

responsible for obtaining the knowledge necessary for the job currently held. Each nurse must know the rules and regulations related to that employment.

2. A survey needs to be done by WSNCQAC to identify the working status of licensed nurses.

a. Are they working full time? Are they working part time? If so how many hours per week or year?

b. Employment in what type of setting?

Joan Wilson to inquire from Paula the following:

a. Is it possible to do a survey as a part of re licensure?

b. If not that, then a random survey of x nurses.

c. Need psychometrician to help establish the “N” and to formulate the questions.

d. The use of a scan in order to code survey?

e. Are there funds available thru Mary Seleckys office for a survey and pilot program?

f. Victoria will work with Karl about changing the WAC’s i.e. A nurse on the inactive list must respond to the question as to work history in the last 3 years.

B. Policy Development

a. Nursing Program Approval Process (NPAP) policy / FYI: Kendra Pitzler reported it is still in Health Professions Quality Assurance (HPQA) review process. Discussion/Action

**What involvement does the commission have on developing and approving Nursing assistant program? Joan will forward question to NPAP, and report back at the next Education Sub Committee meeting.**

b. Policy on Review of Nursing Assistant Training Programs / FYI: Not finalized; still in the process. Discussion/Action

1. Education Sub- Committee requests the reports on Nursing Homes under DSHS “sanction”

**Mariann asked: Do CNA programs have to be terminated if a Nursing Home is sanctioned? Is it required by law?**

2. New Business

A. Requests for new Education Policy Statement: Discussion/Action

1. Complaints against Nursing Education Programs.

2. Review of “yes” responses on medical condition for first time nursing license applications.

- Clarification on advisement into nursing program and “yes” responses for licensure application.

- Clarification on the school’s role and responsibility for admission policy (build on related policy for history of felony or criminal background).

**Joan will ask NPAP, What is the issue with the above, and what is to happen? Who handles complaints? She will report back at the next meeting.**

3. Statement on Educational Outcome criteria e.g., using NCLEX pass rates for school site survey or technical assistance.

3. Rules:

- A. Education WAC / FYI: No report available on Economic Impact Statement.  
Discussion/Action
- B. Nursing Technician Rules/ FYI: Small Business Impact Statement (SBIS) and Economic Impact Statement (EIS) completed. CR 102 moving through DOH Review Process.  
Discussion/Action

4. Other/FYI Discussion/Action

**Can an ARNP in Maryland, with no masters, obtain an ARNP in Washington State if she obtains her masters in a Excelsior program. Would we accept her degree?**

5. Next meeting date: May 18, 2004, 7:00-9:00pm location to be determined.

**Adjourned 9:00 pm**